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**MICHIGAN MOTHER LOOKS  
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD TO BRING HOME THE ROSES**

LIVONIA, MI – The month of May is synonymous with two things – Mother’s Day and the Kentucky Derby. For one Michigan mother, these two events may roll into one grandiose event when her three-year-old colt, ***Express Tour*** takes to the track for the 127<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Kentucky.

***Express Tour***, owned by Godolphin Racing Inc., is the leading money earner in this year’s Kentucky Derby field thanks to a \$1.2 million paycheck for winning the United Arab Emirates Derby on March 24 in Dubai.

The mother (mare) of ***Express Tour*** is ***Express Fashion***, a dark bay Michigan-bred daughter of ***Private Express*** out of ***Fashion Jet***. ***Express Fashion*** was foaled at the Hubell Farm near Grand Rapids in 1992 and was registered to race as a Michigan-bred at the Michigan Department of Agriculture in 1994. After racing only four races at the former Ladbroke Detroit Race Course, ***Express Fashion*** was relocated to Florida where she is currently spending her days as a brood-mare for the Silva family.

“We’re excited that ***Express Tour***, the foal of a Michigan horse, will be a competing in the most legendary race of all time,” said Racing Commissioner Annette M. Bacola. “The three-year-old colt has continued to make positive impressions on the racing world during workout sessions at Churchill Downs this week,” continued Bacola.

Look for ***Express Tour*** at any one of Michigan’s seven pari-mutuel racing venues on May 5 as the 127<sup>th</sup> “Run for the Roses” commences at Churchill Downs.

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